
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 524 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY STACK, KITCHEN, LOGAN, MUSTO AND COSTA,
MARCH 18, 2003

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 18, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exceptions to
3 prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5704 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

8 § 5704. Exceptions to prohibition of interception and
9 disclosure of communications.

10 It shall not be unlawful and no prior court approval shall be
11 required under this chapter for:

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13 (17) An investigative or law enforcement officer or a
14 person acting at the direction or request of an investigative
15 or law enforcement officer may intercept a wire or oral
16 communication involving suspected criminal activities if the
17 officer or the person is a party to the communication and is
18 involved in an undercover narcotics investigation and there

1 is reasonable cause to believe that the other party to the
2 communication is violating the act of April 14, 1972
3 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
4 Device and Cosmetic Act, with respect to the delivery of
5 illegal narcotics.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.